

FILED IN THE  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

**May 12, 2025**

SEAN F. McAVOY, CLERK

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 4:24-cr-06018-MKD-3

Plaintiff,

ORDER DENYING WITH LEAVE TO  
RENEW DEFENDANT’S MOTION  
TO MODIFY CONDITIONS OF  
RELEASE

v.

SAUL A GARANZUAY,

**ECF No. 146**

Defendant.

On Friday, May 9, 2025, the Court conducted a hearing on Defendant’s Motion to Modify Conditions of Release (ECF No. 146). Defendant was represented by court-appointed attorney Nicholas Marchi. Assistant United States Attorney Brandon Pang represented the United States by video from Richland, Washington.

Defendant requests that the Court remove Special Condition Nos. 7–8 to remove GPS location monitoring. ECF No. 146. The United States objects to

1 Defendant's request, but United States Probation/Pretrial Services has no  
2 objection.

3 When this Court released Defendant on conditions on July 30, 2024, the  
4 Court noted several concerning circumstances: the underlying offense of  
5 Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine, the seizure of large sums of cash, the strong  
6 weight of the evidence given the involvement of a confidential informant and a  
7 controlled buy, and Defendant's ties to Mexico and intent to move there  
8 eventually. ECF No. 91. Because of those concerns, the Court released Defendant  
9 to the community on conditions of release which included GPS monitoring.  
10 Additionally, Defendant apparently traveled to Mexico without authorization while  
11 on state supervision and was on state supervision when the instant offense is  
12 alleged to have been committed.

13 This Court often analogizes release-condition modification with wearing a  
14 seatbelt. Just because one has not crashed their car does not mean they no longer  
15 need to wear a seatbelt. Here, Defendant has seemingly done well on supervision  
16 since July 2024, but one factor helping him succeed may very well be GPS  
17 location monitoring. If Defendant's trial is continued, Defendant may renew this  
18 motion in October after he has been on supervision without any violations for one  
19 year, and the Court will consider removing home detention or GPS location  
20 monitoring entirely.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Defendant's Motion to Modify Conditions of Release (**ECF No. 146**)  
is **DENIED WITH LEAVE TO RENEW.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED May 12, 2025.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexander C. Ekstrom".

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ALEXANDER C. EKSTROM

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE